

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An isolated polynucleotide, comprising [[of]] SEQ  
ID NO:1.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An isolated polynucleotide, comprising [[of]] SEQ  
ID NO: 2.

Claim 14 (Cancelled).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A recombinant expression vector comprising the  
isolated polynucleotide of claim 12 or 13.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A host cell transformed with the recombinant  
expression vector of claim 15.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A method for producing a recombinant  
polypeptide chicken-type II collagen, comprising transforming a suitable host cell by  
the recombinant expression vector of claim 16;  
culturing the host cell in suitable culture medium and under appropriate culture  
conditions; and  
separating and purifying the ~~chicken-type II collagen~~ recombinant polypeptide from  
the culture medium, the cells, or the medium and the cells.

Claims 18-21 (Cancelled).